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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PILOT PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement between the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), and the Agricultural Commissioners of Glenn County and Butte County. It created what is known as the Pilot Program for the Regional Water Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP), and it specifies activities that take place in support of the ILRP.

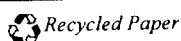
The original MOU was signed in June 2005, and it was renewed on 29 June 2007, extending the Pilot Program for an additional four years. The MOU requires that staff liaisons from the Regional Water Board and the Agricultural Commissioners of Glenn County and Butte County submit Quarterly Reports of the activities performed under the contract and include any recommendations to improve the Pilot Program.

The First Quarter 2008 Reports from the three staff liaisons are attached. If you have questions regarding this Report or the Pilot Program, please contact Ms. Margaret Wong at (916) 464-4857, or by e-mail at [mawong@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mawong@waterboards.ca.gov).

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**MOU Pilot Program**  
**Central Valley Regional Water Board**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report**  
**April 2008**

**Background**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement between the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), and the Agricultural Commissioners of Glenn County and Butte County that pertains solely to activities related to the Regional Water Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The original MOU was signed in June 2005.

On 29 June 2007, all parties signed a MOU containing minor revisions to the original agreement that extended the MOU for an additional four years. After four years the MOU will be reviewed by all parties to assess its effectiveness in addressing water quality impacts as described in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Upon completion of the review, the MOU may be renewed, revised, or terminated.

New contracts between the Agricultural Commissioners and the Regional Water Board continue the Pilot Program with 0.5 PY funding for each County. Start date for the contracts is 1 April 2008.

Under both the 2005 and 2007 MOU, quarterly reports from the Regional Water Board and Agricultural Commissioners' liaisons are required. Attachment A contains the Regional Water Board staff's quarterly report. The Butte County and Glenn County Agricultural Commissioners' staffs wrote Attachments B and C, respectively, which contain the quarterly reports of their activities.

**Regional Water Board staff activities under the MOU Pilot Program**

The Regional Water Board liaison submitted requests for the 2005 contract to be extended to 31 March 2008. New contracts to continue the MOU Pilot Program for one year were submitted and start on 1 April 2008. The new contracts were signed by the Agricultural Commissioners and have been executed.

On 16 January, the Regional Water Board liaison and the lead for the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) attended a Colusa-Glenn subwatershed growers meeting. At the meeting, Lester Messina and Lisa Hunter from the Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner's Office gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Walker Creek survey and how it can be used by the subwatershed to identify areas of